UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

LEQAA KORDIA,

Petitioner-Plaintiff,

v. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:25-cv-1072-L-BT

KRISTI NOEM et al.,

Respondents-Defendants.

JOINT NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONER'S IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS

Petitioner-Plaintiff Lequa Kordia and Respondents respectfully submit this Joint Notice to inform the Court of recent updates in Ms. Kordia's removal and immigration bond proceedings:

1. Removal Proceedings. As noted in some of the parties' previous filings, the immigration judge had, on June 27, 2025, issued a removal order as to Ms. Kordia. Ms. Kordia subsequently sought reconsideration of this order, which was denied. More recently Ms. Kordia filed a motion to reopen the immigration case, which motion has now been granted by the immigration judge (on July 28, 2025). The effect of that ruling is that the June 27, 2025 removal order is no longer in effect, and instead the immigration judge has scheduled a merits hearing for August 28, 2025 on all applications for relief sought by Ms. Kordia against removal (e.g., asylum or CAT relief). It is anticipated that after this hearing, the immigration judge will issue a decision on whether or not to remove Ms. Kordia (which decision might then be the subject of further review by the Board of Immigration Appeals and, ultimately, a federal Court of Appeals).

2. <u>Bond Proceedings</u>. As also noted in some of the parties' previously filings, Ms. Kordia had previously been held in detention pursuant to an "automatic stay" provision (*see* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.19(i)(2)) invoked by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) while it was appealing the immigration judge's bond order to the Board of Immigration Appeals. More recently, though, DHS sought, and a single member of the Board of Immigration Appeals granted, a discretionary stay of the immigration judge's bond order under a different provision (*see* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.19(i)(1)). By operation of that order, Ms. Kordia remains in custody at this time while DHS's administrative appeal of the immigration judge's bond order remains pending at the Board of Immigration Appeals.

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I certify that on July 30, 2025 a true and correct copy of this document was properly served on all counsel of record in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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